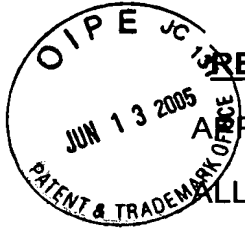


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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PTO RECORDS REGARDING FILING DATE

APPLICANT:	Mart Min et al	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. P01,0337
ALLOWED:	June 2, 2005	CONFIRMATION NO. 8791
SERIAL NO.:	09/937,875	GROUP ART UNIT: 3762
FILED:	October 1, 2001	EXAMINER: C. H. Layno
TITLE:	"RATE ADAPTIVE PACEMAKER"	

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S I R:

The undersigned counsel for the Applicants received a Notice of Allowance (copy attached) indicating a filing date of October 1, 2002 for the above-referenced application. Although that filing date is consistent with the filing date on the Official Filing Receipt (copy attached), neither document is in accord with the decision under 37 C.F.R. §1.181 dated March 26, 2003 (copy attached). In that decision, it is explicitly stated that the application has a 35 U.S.C. §371 date of October 1, 2001. It is the understanding of the undersigned counsel for the Applicants that this is the date that is supposed to be indicated as the "filing date" on the Notice of Allowance. Correction of the Patent and Trademark Office records is therefore respectfully requested.

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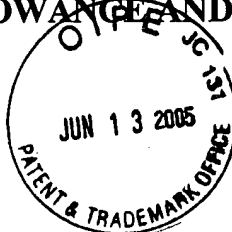
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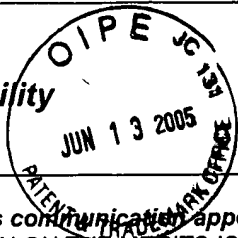
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Paper No. 10012002.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7-12.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
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8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's preliminary amendment, which was received by the Office on October 1, 2002.

2. Claims 1-6 are canceled. Claims 7-12 are active.

Priority

3. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's Information Disclosure Statement (PTO-1449) which was received by the Office on January 30, 2002.

Drawings

5. The corrections to the formal drawing of Figs. 1 and 2 were received on October 1, 2002. These drawing changes are approved by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 7-12 are allowed.

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Examiner's Comments

7. The formal drawings should be modified to incorporate the corrections to Fig.1 submitted by the Applicant in the paper received by the Office on October 1, 2002.

Reasons for Allowance

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

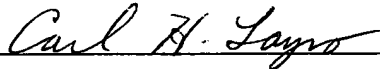
Independent claim 7 describes the details of a rate adaptive pacemaker including, among other features, a "pacing rate limiter" circuit for calculating stroke volume (SV) of a patient when active and when at rest (SV_{rest}). These parameters determine a ratio (SV/SV_{rest}), whose value has been specified in the claim to be between 1.2 and 1.5. and whose corresponding cardiac output (CO) is greater than that at rest (CO_{rest}). These criteria are used to form a lower limit to the pacer's pacing rate.

Of the prior art references of record, only the Schroepel '592 patent, cited herein by the Examiner, appears to detect stroke volume and compare it against a predetermined value (see Fig.6) in the manner described by the applicant. Unlike applicant's claims, however, the stroke volume calculation of Schroepel does not involve calculating a stroke volume ratio based upon the patient's resting stroke volume. Similarly, the Examiner could not find any other reference(s) showing or teaching the feature of a stroke volume ratio based upon a patient's resting stroke volume; consequently, the Examiner deems this claim and its depending claims to be allowable over the prior art of record.

All claims having been allowed, corrected formal drawings are now required.

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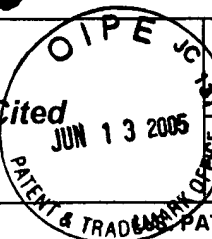
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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** *The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363).* Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

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**DECISION
UNDER
37 CFR 1.181**

This decision is in response to applicants' "Request for Reconsideration of Decision Dated December 19, 2002" filed 21 January 2003.

BACKGROUND

On 13 December 2002, a decision dismissing applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181 was mailed because applicants did not provide a date-stamped postcard receipt for the declaration purportedly filed 01 October 2001.

On 21 January 2003, applicants submitted the instant renewed petition which included a copy of the date-stamped postcard receipt for the documents filed 01 October 2001.

DISCUSSION

MPEP 503 lists procedures for applicants to ensure receipt of any paper filed in the USPTO. Applicants must enclose a self-addressed postcard identifying all of the papers filed. The USPTO will stamp the receipt date on the card and place it on the outgoing mail. The identifying data on the card must clearly identify the paper for which receipt is requested. A postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the papers which are being filed serves as *prima facie* evidence of receipt in the USPTO of all the items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the USPTO.

In the renewed petition, applicants have provided a copy of a postcard filing receipt. The receipt clearly identifies the application and all papers submitted. The filing receipt acknowledges that a "Declaration" was listed in the documents mailed 01 October 2001. The receipt has a date stamp of "533 Rec'd PCT/PTO 01 OCT 2001" across its face.

Accordingly, applicants have provided *prima facie* evidence that the declaration was received by the USPTO on 01 October 2001.

DECISION

For the reasons above, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The decision dated 13 December 2002 stated that the instant application has a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of 30 January 2002. Since applicants have submitted a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.181, this date has changed. The application has an international filing date of 23 March 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of **01 October 2001**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing.


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